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Program postponed

The program with Ted Wagner, noted architect on the architecture of Bay St. Louis and Hancock County, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., has been postponed.

This program, part of The Library Foundation's community mosaic mural project, will be rescheduled.

Persons interested in participating should call Mary Perkins at 467-5282.

Meeting scheduled

The meeting of Buccaneer Chapter 1729 of the National Association of Retired Employees is scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club.

Fellowship begins at 11:30, with lunch at noon, and the chapter will be celebrating the national organization's 75th anniversary.

Toll-free number

NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center has established a toll-free number to provide the general public and education community access to the Visitors Center, the NASA Teacher Resource Center and the NASA Public Affairs Office.

The new toll-free number is 1-800-237-1821.

Health screening

Quality Home Health Care of the Gulf Coast, Inc. is having a free health screening at Diamondhead Discount Drugs, 4402 East Aloha Dr. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol will be checked. For more information call 800-284-5096.

TIDES

DAY	HIGH	LOW
Mon.	5:00 a.	2:20 a.
Tue.	6:04 p.	3:19 a.
Wed.	7:01 p.	6:11 a.
Thur.	7:58 p.	7:00 a.
Fri.	8:52 p.	7:44 a.
Sat.	9:42 p.	8:23 a.
Sun.	10:29 p.	8:56 a.
	11:15 p.	9:19 a.

Bus on stilts

This combination home/bus in Shoreline Park is in violation of flood plain regulations. Construction of this type could be regulated when Hancock County passes a comprehensive zoning ordinance.

Four public hearings are scheduled throughout the county—the first beginning 7 p.m. Monday at Gulfview Elementary in Lakeshore. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

McDonald named to board

BY ED LEPOMA

Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald has been named to the Board of Directors of the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District.

McDonald is one of only two mayors elected to represent Category II cities with populations between 5,000 and 19,999. The other was Mayor Jack Gay of Petal.

McDonald returned to the political spotlight last November when he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Ted Lawyer, who resigned citing health problems.

He had served as supervisor from Harrison County, representing the Third District from 1976 to 1988, and served as president of the Board of Supervisors from 1984 to 1987.

McDonald was also president of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors from 1987 to 1988.

The Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District represents 15 counties.



In the spirit

Karen Bettoli, representing the Colorado Charter Lines in Denver, gets in the Mardi Gras spirit second-lining with the Algiers (La.) Marching Band. The city of Bay St. Louis and Casino Magic last Friday hosted a party for independent motorcoach operators who came to town from all over the country. (Photo courtesy of Jimmy Loiacano)

Casino Magic plans aired to commission

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Casino Magic plans to build a hotel in Biloxi and open a riverboat casino in Louisiana were aired Thursday at the Mississippi Gaming Commission.

The \$20 million plan includes hotel construction and some upgrade to the exterior of the existing Magic casino, the commission was told.

Magic officials say details of the project will be formally announced March 1.

Casino Magic Corp. got some extra room to grow in Biloxi several months ago with purchase of a 1.8 acre tract between its own casino and the Isle of Capri. In addition, Magic acquired property across U.S. 90 to accommodate additional facilities.

Magic officials say it's imperative they build a hotel in Biloxi to keep competitive with the booming casino strip there, soon to include a \$320 million Golden Nugget Casino.

Plans for hotel construction at Casino Magic's Bay St. Louis site were detailed two years ago, when corporation officials said a 425-room hotel would be open by the winter of 1995. Those plans, however, have been deferred.

Officials say that aside from the 18-hole golf course project under construction here, they want to concentrate the corporation's building efforts in Biloxi for the present.

A hotel remains in Magic's plans for Bay St. Louis, officials say—but later.

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Zoning hearings to begin --

First meeting Monday

BY ED LEPOMA

The Hancock County Planning Commission opens the first of four planned meetings on a proposed comprehensive zoning ordinance at 7 p.m. Monday in Lakeshore.

The Board of Supervisors authorized the hearings to get public input on a draft proposal drawn up by the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, and first unveiled last March.

The meeting Monday will be held at the Gulfview Elementary School on Lower Bay Road in Bay St. Louis. A second meeting is scheduled Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Charles B. Murphy School on Highway 604 in Pearlington. And, two others are scheduled March 4 and 6 at Hancock High School.

Some ground rules have been set for the meetings, according to John Scafidi, attorney to the Hancock County Planning Commission.

Prior to the meeting, one

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Ladners' marina receives approval

BY ED LEPOMA

Dredging is expected to begin by the end of March on a \$300,000 marina expansion planned by the Ladner family at Bayou Caddy.

After a delay of about three weeks, the Department of Marine Resources gave unanimous approval to the project at its meeting Wednesday.

The Ladners, who operate Terry's Seafood and Marina at Bayou Caddy, originally came before the DMR Jan. 30, but the agency voted 4-3 to delay approval based on charges by the Cure family, which operates the competing Bayou Caddy Fisheries. The Cures filed an application to build their own marina, and contended the Ladner plans would partially block access to their site.

While a decision was put on hold, Commissioners came out to inspect the Ladner site.

The staff of the DMR had recommended approval of the Ladner application after the applicants agreed to maintain

a 20-foot dredging setback from Cure's bulkhead. They also agreed to relocate the eastern-most pier 10 feet from the property line, reduce the length of the navigational piles at the entrance to aid in navigation.

Kirk Ladner told the Echo Thursday that the only new stipulation put on the project is that the DMR has asked the Ladners to have the site resurveyed because property lines are in dispute in prior surveys done by his family and the Cures.

"After that, we expect the DMR to issue us a permit to begin the dredging," Ladner said. "We expect to start the project by the end of March."

The Ladner site comprises about 20 acres at Bayou Caddy, and is bordered by Ann Street and Shipyard Road. Plans are to dredge about 80,000 square feet of property adjacent to their seafood business.

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Diamondhead fish kill

A recent freeze killed thousands of mullets in several dead-end canals at Diamondhead. The canals froze over, and the mullets apparently died from lack of oxygen. Several residents near the canals have complained about the foul odor of the dead fish. DMR officials report some birds are eating the dead fish, and the others will decompose. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

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OBITUARIES

MARY BENJAMIN
SHIRLEY M. BIEHL
THELMA CELESTIN
IRENE ANN CHATTIN
ELEANOR S. DAVIS
WILSON L. MAUFFRAY
MARGARET Y. NEWMAN
FRANK SCHUFFERT
ALBERTINE B. SIMONSON
EDWIN TURCOTTE
JOHN B. VINSON SR.
DON J. WADDELL SR.

MARY BENJAMIN
Mrs. Mary diBenedetto Benjamin, 85, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996 in Gulfport.

Mrs. Benjamin was a native of Bay St. Louis and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. She was a member of the Pink Ladies Auxiliary with Hancock Medical Center, a retired employee of Hancock Bank and a former employee with Dantagnan Realty in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ret. Major Harry L. Benjamin of the U.S. Army; her parents, Joseph and Josephine Alessi diBenedetto; two brothers, Dominic diBenedetto and Anthony J. diBenedetto.

Survivors include two brothers, George diBenedetto of Bay St. Louis and Joseph V. diBenedetto of Hattiesburg; and a sister, Mrs. J. C. (Jennie) Roland of Metairie, La.

Visitation was Thursday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, followed by celebration of Mass at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

SHIRLEY M. BIEHL
Shirley M. Biehl, 62, of the Jourdan River community, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1996, in the Jourdan River community.

Mrs. Biehl was a native of Nicholson and retired from the Pearl River County Tax Collectors Office. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Biehl of the Jourdan River community; two daughters, Karen Gipson of Poplarville and Kathryn Hall of Carriere; two sons, Kenny Smith and Kerry Smith, both of Carriere; a brother, Clinton Metzler of Nicholson; two sisters, Ann Louise Raiford and Betty Hershey, both of Picayune; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were conducted Friday at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune.

The family prefers memorials to the St. Jude Foundation in Memphis, Tenn.

THELMA CELESTIN
Mrs. Thelma Isabella Cade Celestin, 77, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Feb. 19, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Celestin was a native of Pearlington and was a former resident of Bay St. Louis and New Orleans. She was a graduate of McDonald No. 35 High School in New Orleans. She owned and operated El Toro's Bar and Lounge in New Orleans for 15 years. She attended St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Celestin was preceded in death by her parents, Albertine Baxter and Deblon Cabe.

Survivors include her husband, William Curtis Celestin; two daughters, Elaine Domon of Los Angeles, Calif., and Sylvina Washington Charles of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Deblon Celestin of Atlanta, Ga., and Charles Celestin of Bay St. Louis; 34 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at St. Rose de Lima

Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Pearlington Cemetery.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

IRENE ANN CHATTIN
Mrs. Irene Ann Chatten, 67, of Alexandria, Minn., died Sunday, Feb. 18, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Chatten was a native of Brandon, Minn. She was a life member of the Eagles Auxiliary in Alexandria, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Alexandria and a member of the American Legion Post Auxiliary in Alexandria.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin S. and Emma Hedeon Peterson.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Chatten of Alexandria; a daughter, Miss Julie Van Sickle of Minneapolis; a brother, Lloyd Peterson; two sons, Millie Flooding, both of Alexandria, and Leila Hanson of Brandon.

A private service was held.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

ELEANOR S. DAVIS
Mrs. Eleanor S. Davis, 83, of Wiggins, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996, in Wiggins.

Mrs. Davis was a retired school teacher for Mississippi Public Schools. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Wiggins.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Wilson of Wiggins and Shelby Donald of Port Gibson; a sister, Lucile McDonald of Bay St. Louis; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Thursday at Moore Funeral Home in Wiggins, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery in Wiggins.

The family prefers memorials to the Better Education in Stone County, P. O. Box 670, Wiggins, MS 39577.

WILSON L. MAUFFRAY
Wilson L. Mauffray, 77, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mr. Mauffray, a Catholic, was a resident of Long Beach and a native of Hancock County. He had served as a mechanic with the United States Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude D. and Bessie Garriga Mauffray.

Mr. Mauffray is survived by one son, Peter J. Mauffray of Merced, Calif.; two daughters, Patsy Mauffray Harel of Crane Creek and Tina Mauffray of Merced; three brothers, Wayne Mauffray of Long Beach, and Donald and Conrad Mauffray, both of Bay St. Louis; one sister, Mrs. Edith Mauffray Thibault of Bay St. Louis; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation is scheduled for Monday from 6-9 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m.

A funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. A procession will leave the funeral home at 10:45 a.m.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

Riemann is in charge of the arrangements.

MARGARET Y. NEWMAN
Mrs. Margaret Youmans Newman, 76, of Waveland, died Monday, Feb. 19, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Newman was a native of Fingertown, N.Y.


In Memoriam
We're Remembering You
On Your Birthday
ALBERT M. PARKER SR.
February 23, 1924

Memories grow more meaningful every passing year
More precious and more beautiful, more treasured and more dear.

And that is why your birthday brings the very happy thought
Of all the treasured memories that knowing you has brought.
"We all still love you so very much."

Sadly missed by your
Wife, Children,
Grandchildren,
Great-grandchildren
and the rest of
your Family

It's been two years since God called you to be with him.
Each day our hearts grow sadder and sadder, but we know that the pain has ended and you now enjoy eternal peace and happiness.

Sadly missed by your whole Family

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jules Peter Newman; her parents, Julius and Elizabeth Allerton Youmans; and two sisters, Mary Vernon and Ethel Bakorus.

Survivors include two sisters, Alice Bohlman and Ann Landon, both of Binghamton, N.Y.

Graveside services were conducted Friday at Waveland Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

FRANK SCHUFFERT
Frank Schuffert, 64, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Schuffert, a native of Montgomery, Ala., was the former owner of Schuffert Pontiac-Buick-GMC Inc. of Bay St. Louis. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Pass Christian and was a member of the Pass Christian Isles Golf Club. He served in the U.S. Navy during Korea.

Mr. Schuffert is preceded in death by his parents, Frank W. and Izella Dawkins Schuffert, and a sister, Delores Vincent.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Mary Schuffert of Pass Christian; two daughters, Sandy Mohler of Gulfport and Judy Lipscomb of Pascagoula; a sister, Betty Jean Hurley of Montgomery, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday evening and Friday morning at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport, followed by graveside services.

The family prefers memorials to First Baptist Church of Pass Christian building fund.

ALBERTINE B. SIMONSON
Albertine Bosarge Simonson, 81, of Meridian, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 1996, in Meridian.

Mrs. Simonson was born Feb. 16, 1915, in Alabama. She was a native of Bayou La Batre, Ala., and a member of the Church of God in Bayou La Batre. She received a bachelor's degree from Livingston State University in Livingston, Ala., and taught elementary school in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana.

Survivors include a son, Robert Kierce of Gulfport; a daughter, Mrs. Susan Simonson Hinton of Bay St. Louis; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A graveside service was conducted Monday in Oddfellows Cemetery in Bayou La Batre. H. L. Jones and Son Funeral Home in Richton was in charge of arrangements.

EDWIN TURCOTTE
Edwin Turcotte, 83, of Gulfport, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 1996, in Biloxi.

He was born in Boston, Mass., the son of Frederick Francis and Marguerite A. Young Turcotte. He had been a resident of the U.S. Naval Home in Gulfport for a year.

He attended Boston Latin School and was a graduate of Hyde Park High School, Mass. He was a graduate of the University of Maine and had earned many credits toward a post-graduate degree. Mr. Turcotte was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having retired in 1959 as a master chief electrician. He served on the USS Widgry, the USS Flasher, the USS Tunny, USS Cabezon and the USS Ronquin in the Atlantic and Pacific.

He received the World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and American Campaign Medal. After the war he was assigned to the United States Embassy in Moscow, Russia, for three years. Upon his return to the United States, he was an instructor at the submarine school in Groton, Conn. After his retirement he was an

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory
of
ELOIS M. BOUNDS
May 17, 1931
Feb. 25, 1994

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Sadly missed by your whole Family

instructor at the Job Corps Center in Bar Harbor and at Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, Maine.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Veronica Waddell; one sister, Edith A. Waddell.

Survivors include two sons, Don J. Waddell Jr. and daughter-in-law, Leana A. Waddell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis. He was a Shriner, and a

32nd Degree Mason. He was a veteran of World War I, serving in the United States Army.

Friends may call Tuesdays

from 10-11 a.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. An 11 a.m. prayer service

is scheduled at the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in the Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

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Thanks for the Memories . . .

Retirement brings new opportunities

By Dr. Milo Burnham
Horticulturist
Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service

After 25 years as a horticulturist with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, I have retired as of Jan. 31. Hopefully, I'll now complete some of those projects I've been writing about over the years along with some other goals.

Retirement should give me a chance finally to hide the chain link fence around my backyard with an attractive wood fence. My plans include completing the brick-on-sand walk around the back of my home. I'll have that longed-for water garden as well, with the goldfish, water lilies, tadpoles, dragon flies and maybe even the tree frogs.

Since moving to Mississippi a little more than 25 years ago, the time has gone by much too quickly. At times it seems no more than a blink of the eye since moving from Baton Rouge.

Surprisingly, I'm still in the same house, though its color has been changed a couple of times, and I plan to stay there.

My work as an extension horticulture specialist has been fun. You've seen to that. Mississippi is full of good natured, kind and sharing gardeners, so I've always felt surrounded by friends.

While I'll be retired from my position at Mississippi State University, I am not retiring from horticulture or my love of plants. I plan to keep my hands in the good earth until the rest of my body follows.

I like to think that I have contributed in some small way through my writing and speaking to your gardening success and pleasure. Together we've experienced both the good and the not so good gardening years.

I still think the summer of 1980 was one of the worst with its endless days of extremely high temperatures and no rain, yet that fall I grew my best ever broccoli and cauliflower. Yes, we've had our successes and our

failures, and we've always had next year.

The past few years I've been planting a lot of flowers, and while I still haven't grown those delphiniums I been thinking about for the past 40 or so years, I finally did purchase and plant some seed. I'm closer now to success with delphiniums than I've ever been.

When the weather warms a little, I'm going to crank up the chipper/shredder and give the mountain of pine needles in the backyard a hard time. There's a lot of potential compost waiting to be made, and my ground is crying for it.

Oh, the things I'm going to do and the fun I'm going to have. We gardeners do know how to have fun. I wish all of you a great gardening year in 1996 and in the years to come. Thanks for reading the column, for sharing your comments and for allowing me to come into your gardens.

"In Mississippi Gardens" began in 1985 as a joint effort with Jim Perry, another extension horticulturist. When Jim left extension in 1986, I went solo with the column. While this is my last regular contribution, I am passing the pen to Norman Winter, a relative newcomer to the extension horticulture family in Mississippi.

For two years, Norman served as executive director of the American Rose Society in Shreveport, La. so expect more columns on roses. Just prior to coming to work in Mississippi last spring, Norman served as a county horticulturist with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

His credits include serving as executive director of the Texas Pecan Growers for 11 years, and he was editor of "Pecan South," "Texas Horticulturist" and "American Rose Magazine."

Like a plot of land in different hands, I hope you enjoy watching the development during this new season "In Mississippi Gardens."



Savings bond winner

Newborn Christopher Lee Edenfield of Diamondhead is the winner of a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond given away by North-Shore Regional Medical Center and dedicated to the child's education. On hand for the presentation were, from left, parents Kenneth and Valerie Edenfield, brother Branden Edenfield, and the hospital's associate administrator Robert Adcock.

Symphony orchestra presents fun concert

The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra presents the season's second Family Fun Concert Sunday, March 3 at 3:45 p.m. in Jackson's Thalia Mara Hall (Municipal Auditorium).

The "Going to the Zoo" program will include musical treats for the entire family — from tiny tots to grandparents. The one-hour-long concert, sponsored by Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry, will see the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra joined by the Madison Civic Ballet; Frank and Sandra Polanski, duo-pianists; and Davis Rostrom, a 16-year-old bassoonist. Colman Pearce, music director and principal conductor, will lead the afternoon concert and tell about the musical selections included in the program.

The program will include selections from "Jurassic Park" by John Williams; "Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens; "The Pink Panther" by Henry Mancini; "Barney's Theme" arranged by Wendell; "The Invincible Eagle" a march by John Philip Sousa; "La Gallina (The Hen)" from "Gli uccelli (The Birds)" by Ottorino Respighi; and "The Little White Donkey" by Jacques Ibert.

The workshop is limited in size. Advance registration is required. For information, or to register, call Mary Perkins at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282.



Library workshop

"Harvesting Family Stories," a free workshop on how to gather and record family and community stories, will be offered Saturday, March 2, 1-5 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

"Every family has its stories and its storytellers," said workshop leader Chris Vinsonhaler. "Gathering these stories for the enjoyment of future generations is tremendously important. But, best of all, it's enjoyable to do."

The workshop, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Hancock County, is offered as part of a communitywide "Gathering of Stories," an oral history and arts project funded through the Mississippi Arts Commission.

"The workshop is ideal for retirees and other adults who are interested in preserving the heritage of family and community," Vinsonhaler said.

Library tutoring seminar

The Waveland Library Literacy Program, sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, will host a Tutoring Concepts seminar Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2-4 p.m. in the Rebecca and Leo Seal Meeting Room of the

Easter photos available at Bay City Hall

The City of Bay St. Louis and American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 139 took several photos of youngsters during last year's Easter Party.

Janet Aime said several parents failed to pick up the photos, and they are still available at the old City Hall, 300 S. Second St., upstairs. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Dr. Sherry M. Ponder, director of special education for the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District, and Dr. J. C. Barrett, site teacher for Project Leap/Mississippi State University in Bay St. Louis, will be the keynote speakers on identifying and dealing with learning problems in adult learners.

Space is limited, and reservations should be made by calling Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

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BASEBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

BOYS AGES 9-12

Registration for the Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Bambino League for boys ages 9-12, (must be 9 before Aug. 1, 1996 to be eligible for 9-yr-old league), has been scheduled for the following dates. Anyone living in Hancock County may register.

REGISTRATION HELD AT THE BASEBALL FIELD ON THE CORNER OF ATHLETIC DRIVE AND RANCH STREET.

FEB. 24 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

FEB. 26 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

FEB. 28 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

MAR. 1 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

MAR. 2 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

MAR. 5 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00 for the first child
\$20.00 for each additional family member

Tryouts for AGES 11-12 will be

Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Tryouts for AGES 9-10 will be

Friday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GENE MORAN AT 466-0252.

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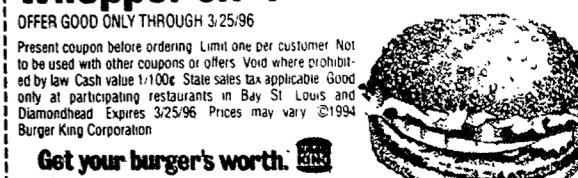
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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

The Hancock County School District is seeking applicants for school bus drivers, primarily in the Ansley and Lakeshore areas.

The county school system, like any other with bus transportation, needs qualified drivers, and it is really a part-time position.

An applicant must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid driver's license.

If you are interested, give Carolyn Necaise or Phyllis Johnson, 255-7141 or 255-2863, a call.

I am glad to see city of Bay St. Louis crews repairing the banquette along South Second Street.

I probably have some of you pulling out your dictionaries off the shelf about now.

Anyway, I know most folks call them sidewalks, but when I was a youngster they were here called a banquette.

The sidewalk along South Second Street was severely damaged in the mid-1960's during the construction of the Bay's sewer system.

The Echo was located on Second Street for some 20 years in the Woodman of the World building, and the sidewalk contained some beautiful blue W.O.W. initials.

Bay St. Louis sure has been making many improvements within the city, and I think our city fathers should be congratulated on the job they are doing.

THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

A Weekly Editorial
From Mississippi Economic Council



The voice of business being heard

In Mississippi today, from the community center to the Capitol, the voice of business is being heard.

As the 1996 legislative session gets under way, more than 25 local chambers of commerce, under a variety of names, have joined the statewide Mississippi Economic Council in speaking out on issues of importance to business and to their communities.

The actions of the Hattiesburg Area Development Partnership serve as a model for community business participation in the legislative process.

First, the Partnership board of directors made a decision to join the Council in its focus on the "Mississippi Business Agenda," a series of nine issues of priority to business and to Mississippi.

Next, the Partnership polled its members, asking for reaction to the nine issues on the agenda.

The membership, based on the poll, overwhelmingly supported the issues as priorities for the Partnership.

The agenda then went to the Partnership's Governmental Affairs Committee, where strategies for support of the agenda were to be developed and implemented.

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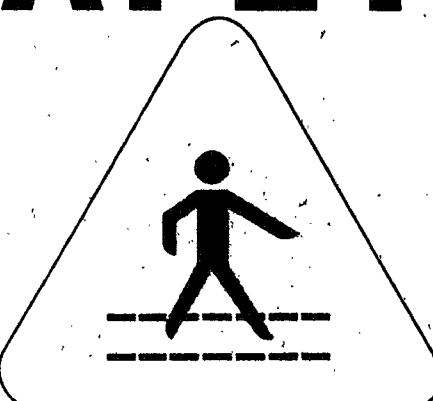
LETTERS WELCOME

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably type-written and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste.

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—Ellis Cuevas, publisher

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EYES ON MISSISSIPPI

By Bill Minor

Alexander could be big surprise in GOP race

The South's "Super Tuesday" on March 12, with Mississippi one of five states voting that day in presidential preference primaries, could turn out to be "super" for one GOP hopeful, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander.

Once a dark horse, Alexander ran a surprisingly strong third in the Iowa caucuses, and suddenly moved into the probable top three contenders in this week's New Hampshire primaries.

In Mississippi, Kansas Sen. Bob Dole seemed to have the field to himself on March 12, but now Lamar Alexander appears to be a bona fide challenger.

What obviously has changed for the better for Alexander in Mississippi and some other states, is that Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, once a top contender, has pulled out of the GOP presidential horse race. Gramm, despite his \$14 million campaign war chest, fizzled badly in his first two outings in Louisiana and Iowa.

The Gramm demise, it should be noted, leaves Mississippi Sen. Trent Lott without a horse to ride. Lott, in the early stages of the presidential derby, had been for Gramm, to whom Lott owed much for his one-vote election as GOP Whip as year ago.

Increasingly of late, however, Lott had become distant from Gramm's candidacy as it began to sink.

Probably as part of his petty little feud with senior Sen. Thad Cochran, Lott had not wanted to be found backing the same candidate as Cochran. For months Cochran has openly supported his Senate colleague Dole and is, in fact, southern co-chairman of Dole's campaign.

Of course, Dole also has the endorsement of Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice, whose support should play well with a lot of Republicans in the March 12 primary.

Since last October, Dole has had a campaign office in Mississippi, headed by Suzanne Rogers, who previously was assistant director of the Mississippi Republican Party. No other GOP presidential hopeful has had a campaign office in the state up to now.

But things have been moving in Mississippi for Alexander, especially since he showed up well in what had become a lackluster, back-stabbing, mud-wrestling match for the Republican presidential nomination.

Significantly, Mike Retzer, the McDonald's hamburger magnate from Greenville, soon-to-be-made new chairman of the Mississippi Republican Party, is state chairman for Alexander's campaign, and Retzer has some heavyweight helpers, plus some money to spend.

The Alexander backers have already raised over \$200,000 in the state, and the former Tennessee governor is already lined up to come to Mississippi on March 7, when there will also be



FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE

By Representative
J.P. Comprett

A Weekly Summary

Submitted by
Representative
J.P. Comprett

The 1996 legislative session has passed the halfway point with House and Senate members turning their attention in the past week to money matters and general bills previously approved by the other chamber.

State finances have been a dominant issue since the start of the session. While the state's overall economic outlook remains strong, the growth rate in General Fund revenue collections has slowed down in contrast to the dramatic gains of recent years. Fiscal leaders cautioned from the start that money would be tighter this session due to a leveling off in revenue growth, more than \$117 million in built-in costs to be funded, and related factors.

The House Appropriations Committee plowed through a series of budgetary measures during the past week to fund state agencies and institutions, including proposed allocations for public education, universities, community colleges, the state's correctional system, highways and numerous others.

These and other bills awaited floor action as the week neared an end. All told, the committee recommendations include \$2.76 billion in General Fund expenditures, leaving a projected unallocated balance of about \$201,000.

Legislators faced a Wednesday, Feb. 28 deadline for initial floor action on appropriations and bills involving taxes, bonds and other revenue matters. The cutoff did not apply to measures originating in the other chamber. Many of the bills are likely to be referred later to joint conference committees to reconcile differences between House and Senate versions before the session ends.

Normally, the first session of a new legislative term is 125 days as authorized by the state constitution. But an agreement has been reached to shorten the 1996 session to 97 days, with lawmakers hoping to complete their business by Easter weekend.

Major action during the past week included the Appropriations Committee's approval of a proposed record-high allocation totaling \$1.035 billion for support of public schools through the state's Minimum Foundation Program, including funding for teachers salaries and health insurance.

This is an increase of \$9.6 million over the current budget. The bill, if finally enacted, would authorize \$959.4 million in General Fund money and \$76.4 million from the Education Enhancement Fund and other sources. The Minimum Program appropriation is traditionally the largest single item in the General Fund budget.

The Appropriations Committee agreed to recommend \$848.9 million in general and special funds for higher education, including \$367.7 million from the General Fund and \$481.2 million for other sources, including federal money and student fees.

This is an increase of \$8.2 million in General Fund money over the present fiscal year, but less than \$300,000 more in total allocations.

More than \$237.6 million from the General Fund would be earmarked for basic support of the state's eight universities, an increase of \$5.4 million over Fiscal Year 1996, while \$102.8 million was proposed for the University of Mississippi Medical Center in General Fund dollars.

More than \$263.6 million was recommended for support of the community colleges, an increase of \$13.4 million in General Fund dollars but only \$188,261 in total funds over this year's allocation.

The committee voted to allocate \$2 million to start implementation of a federal court decree in the Ayers desegregation case, with the money to be used for academic programs at Jackson State University and Alcorn State University.

No money for the Ayers case had been included in the Legislative Budget Committee's recommendations since an appeal is still pending in the 21-year-old lawsuit.

But the Appropriations Committee was advised the \$2 million was needed to show a good faith effort to comply with a federal court order handled down last year. The State College Board has requested \$21 million for the Ayers case in its budget proposals.

A new provision was inserted by the Appropriations Committee in the budget bills in a move to get a better handle on costs of contracting with private individuals or businesses for various professional services. Under the plan, state agencies and institutions would have to file detailed reports by Dec. 31, 1996, identifying all persons or businesses involved, the costs of the contracts, and justification for any contracts amounting to more than \$50,000 to any one recipient in a year's period. Similar reports would be due by July 31, 1997.

In addition to the funding measures, scores of other bills based by the Senate came under scrutiny in various House committees, while House-passed legislation was being studied by Senate committees. All bills must clear both chambers before they are sent to the Governor's office.

A measure to allow the Public Service Commission adopt alternative methods of regulation for utilities providing electricity or natural gas won final legislative passage. The bill was a revised version of a Senate-passed measure and goes back to the Senate for concurrence or non-concurrence.

Legislators approved a resolution urging Congress to revise federal laws that keep disabled veterans from receiving full retirement pay as well as disability compensation. Sponsors say federal civilian retirees are not subject to a loss of disability compensation.

Other key recommendations by the appropriations Committee included a third \$25 million installment for repair and rehabilitation of rural bridges as part of the five-year program authorized in the 1994 legislative session; \$208 million for the Medicaid program from the state's General Fund; \$159 million in General Fund money for mental health facilities.

\$181 million for the correctional system and related purposes; and \$85 million for the Department of Human Services.

An allocation of \$2.7 million was proposed for the Department of Environmental Quality to resume monitoring the state's water quality program. Monitoring duties have been taken over in recent months by federal Environmental Protection Agency officials because of a shortage of funds at the state level.

The Ways and Means Committee received a report on the economic impact of the recent filming of the movie "A Time To Kill" at Canton. The movie is based on the first novel by best-selling author John Grisham, a former member of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

Economic development officials said more than \$5 million was spent in Mississippi in wages and services alone in connection with the film.

A list of bills introduced in the House can be found at the City-County Library on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis. I can be contacted during the Legislative Session in Jackson at the following telephone number (601) 359-3326, and the mailing address is P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215-1018. My address and telephone number in Bay St. Louis is P.O. Box 128, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, (601) 467-6515. I always welcome citizen's comment and input concerning matters pending in the legislature.

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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

"We hardly found any pressure at all," the nurse at the rest home told me. "I thought she was dying this morning when I called the hospital."

I knew then and there that my mother was entering the last leg of her journey on earth. A heavy prospect it was and hard to own up to; yet, it was an unqualified blessing for a Christian soldier who had campaigned for God 94 years and seven months.

Upon entering her room in the hospital, my heart sank to see her emaciated, gasping for air and twisting, fighting for whatever life remained inside. Although there was no death rattle, her spasmodic struggle for air almost once every second sounded and looked like a terminal gasp. Amid all this, her eyes suddenly opened wide, reaching desperately toward the ceiling.

"Sing her song!" my sister Aggie implored me. I moved closer to mother, all the while telling myself that her wide-open eyes looked like the final burst of a fading candle. Perhaps focused on something/someone whom we could not see, her eyes rotated toward me when I began to sing her favorite song, "His Eye is on the Sparrow." Her eyes followed my every move.

"That was your special song,

Mom!" I reassured her. "God is always watching over you." Then I launched into her second favorite, "He Looked Beyond My Fault," her eyes still transfixed. Those searching eyes remained wide open throughout the songs and following exchanges.

"I love you, Mom. We all love you. God loves you. Jesus loves you. God will take care of you now and forever. You're a wonderful person. You're a beautiful mother. You helped and loved us so much. You helped and loved all your family, all your neighbors, everyone you met." Some minutes after I stopped speaking, her eyes began to close again.

Our cousin, Laura Lee Woodard entered the room. "It was so good to have her for so long. Thank God for that. Not many people have that privilege." She had nothing but thanks for the one who had been her surrogate mother during the most critical of her younger years. Gastonia Petric LeDoux had nurtured and guided her as her own daughter in a most loving, personal relationship.

Now Laura was standing at her deathbed, listening to the piteous gasping for breath, observing the rail-thin, writhing body locked in mortal combat with the inexorable laws of nature. As night fell, we

reluctantly decided to return home to rest, knowing it was a gamble that mother's soul might have taken flight by morning. But all three of us were exhausted, candidates for illness.

Just as my father had done in 1980, and roughly at the same time of night, mother left us within an hour after we had arrived back home. When word finally reached me, I viewed her body alone. I could not have looked upon anyone more loving or more lovingly. Misting a bit, my eyes had no tears because they were not sad enough. I felt not sad but very powerful, privileged, kissing her.

"Pray for me, new saint," I said inwardly. "Make me worthy of you." I was immersed in the overpowering feeling that we had a bright, new intercessor in heaven. We have no doubt where devoted mothers go when they die. Service to others is their hallmark, something Gastonia often stated explicitly in her patented remark, even from the hospital one time: "I want to serve."

And serve she did anytime, anywhere, under any conditions with great vim and vigor. It was her joy especially to feed people and watch them enjoy a good meal. She was always the last to sit at table, if she sat at all. It was an exceptional night when one did not hear her going

through dishes, pots and pans late into the night and sometimes into the wee hours of the morning.

Until Alzheimer's disease derailed her in her early eighties, she pursued this desire for helping others to a feeding service for the elderly through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Mother was a joyful woman, quick to enjoy a good conversation and quick to laugh. Her talk was always spiced with witticisms and quotations. Whenever there was a problem using some tool, item or instrument without the owner's direction, she would say: "I know mine and mine know me" (Jn. 10:14). We learned to wait for and anticipate that and other sparkling quotations.

After several years of Alzheimer's disease, communication grew ever more difficult, and soon mother began to forget our names. A painful experience shared by many other families, this deterioration went on for over a dozen years, finally ending in almost zero communication.

For all that, she was aroused by her favorite music when nothing else got her attention. She had played the piano well and sang in a beautiful soprano voice, employing that voice for years in the Sacred Heart Church choir. She still played traces of music until six years ago. Five Christmases past, she electrified us by singing the entire first stanza of *Adeste Fideles* in the original Latin.

What more could she ask of life than to be happily married to her husband Louis 57 years, to bear Veronica, Verlin, Jerome, Agatha and Nat as proofs of God's blessing, to be a woman of prayer and service at all times, and to commune joyfully with nature and people for over 90 years?

COOKING UP A STORM

By Katy McGuire
Caire

In the days of the California Gold Rush, lemons were so prized that they seemed almost as precious as the gold itself; and many a "Forty-Niner" paid a dollar for just one lemon! And a dollar was "quite a lot" way back then.

Lemons aren't cheap today, but they're still "worth their weight in gold" in the special tang and flavor which they add to many dishes.

For example, I always add a teaspoon of fresh lemon juice to my rice as it cooks, to give that fluffy white texture. The same amount of lemon juice helps keep cauliflower from discoloring. I also add a bit to my batters for coating chicken, oysters and such for frying.

Lemon butter is delicious with fish or with vegetable dishes, such as broccoli or spinach or green beans. Just melt 1/4 cup of butter (or margarine) and add to it a tablespoon of lemon juice and a teaspoon of dried (or two of fresh) chives. Warm a bit, and stir into the seasoned, cooked vegetables just before

The versatile lemon

serving. Slices of lemon are not only decorative atop broiled chicken or flounder or catfish, they also add a tangy taste. This goes for pork chops, also.

And, for that wonderful Avgolemono Sauce of Greek cuisine, the famed egg and lemon sauce, it's marvelous with so many dishes, from cubes of lamb to chunks of celery. For a change of pace in the vegetable

category, try:

**SELINA
AVGOLEMONO
(Celery with Egg
and Lemon Sauce)**
1 stalk (bunch) of celery
1 large onion, chopped
1/3 cup butter or margarine
(more "heavenly" taste with
butter)

Pepper, salt to your taste
2 cups chicken stock (or use
bouillon or bouillon cubes and
water)

2 egg yolks
Juice of 1 lemon

Wash and destem celery

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Lenten revivalist will be the Rev. Jerome LeDoux, SVD, pastor of St. Augustine Church in New Orleans since 1990.

Rev. LeDoux was born in Lake Charles, La. Feb. 26, 1930. He attended Sacred Heart Elementary School in Lake Charles and high school at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis. He also attended two years of college at Divine Word Seminary near Dubuque, Iowa, two years at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis and four years of theology at St. Augustine.

He was ordained to the priesthood May 11, 1957. He studied in Rome from 1957-61; obtaining a master's degree in sacred theology and a doctoral degree in church law.

He taught at the Major Seminary in Bay St. Louis from 1961-1967, and at Xavier University of New Orleans 1969-1980.

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Eastern Shore Chamber sponsors Arts & Crafts Festival

Fairhope, Ala. has a well-deserved reputation as an "arts community." One of the biggest reasons for this reputation is the annual Arts & Crafts Festival — now in its 44th year — sponsored by the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce. This year's event will be held March 15, 16 and 17 on the streets of downtown Fairhope. Festival hours are 10-5 each day. There is no admission charge.

Over 200 exhibitors from 26 states will bring their best wares to show and sell at this

prestigious juried show that annually attracts almost 150,000 visitors from throughout the Southeast.

Fran Faust Slade, this year's chairman, says the event is a wonderful way to "show off" the Eastern Shore.

"All involved with the show, from the volunteers who work so hard to pull it off, to Fairhope city employees who keep the town looking so pretty, to all the participating exhibitors, take such pride in making this a

great event, and it shows."

According to Slade, the festival has been listed among the "Top Twenty Events in the Southeast" in recent years and is still growing in size and reputation.

"We're excited to have official sponsors this year," she said. "With support from McDonalds, South Trust Bank, River Park Transmission and Ivine Real Estate, we know that this year will be better than ever."

Part of what makes the weekend so special is the array

of activities for all ages. The festival itself features a full schedule of entertainment all day Saturday and Sunday, there's a food court with a variety of menus, plus of course all the great shops and restaurants of downtown Fairhope. Visitors and shoppers will also enjoy the Eastern Shore Art Center's 24th Annual Outdoor Art Show.

held downtown, adjacent to the annual Arts & Crafts Festival.

In addition, the Spring Fever

Chase, a 10K run followed by a 5K run/walk, winds its way through the streets and along the bay front in Fairhope starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 16. Also on Saturday, in nearby Daphne, Christ the King Church sponsors their annual Festa Italiana from 10 till 3.

A special Exhibitors' Awards Program and Dinner will be held Friday evening at the Fairhope Civic Center, with over \$11,000 in exhibitors' awards being presented. Tickets for this event are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. Price if \$8 in advance or \$10 after noon on Friday, March 16.

Parking downtown during the festival is limited due to the exhibits, but once again the BRATS Shuttle Service will run continuously, for one dollar each way, from designated parking areas along Greeno Road (Hwy. 98) to the edge of the show.

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Admission is \$3.50 with free parking. In the event of rain, the yard sale will move inside the Convention Center. WKNN will again be on hand with a raffle for St. Jude Children's Hospital. The yard sale is sponsored by the Sun Herald.

Mississippi Boat, Sport and Camper Show

Coming March 1-3, the 19th Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Boat, Sport and Camper Show will bring the latest boats, campers and other outdoor accessories out for inspection by the public.

The three-day event will have a number of exciting displays and demonstrations including the 4,000 gallon

"Bass Tub" which offers viewers the opportunity to get "eye-to-eye" with bass, crappie, bluegill and other species.

Fishing professional Phillip Bryan will perform seminars from atop the tank, allowing spectators to actually see what the fish see! Other special guests will be fishing legend and 10-time MassMaster Classic Qualifier Guy Baker and Stan

Fagerstrom the "Master Caster."

The show opens Friday from noon-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission for adults is \$5; children 6 and under are free.

For information, call Gulf Coast Shows at (334) 433-3545.

George Jones Concert

March 15

Annual home tour features hidden jewels of the Vieux Carre'

Five splendid residences of the French Quarter, graceful treasures hidden behind paneled doors and aged masonry walls, will open to the public March 7 from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. as part of the ninth annual Home and Art Tour sponsored by the New Orleans Museum of Art Volunteer Committee (NVC). This year's tour will have a new feature with a refreshment stop at the lush patio and grounds of 912 Royal, operated by Regency Caterers by Hyatt.

Tickets for the annual Home and Art Tour, which supports NOMA's educational programs,

are currently available and can be purchased by calling the NVC at 488-2631, ext. 316. Advance prices are \$14 for museum members and \$16 for non-members. Tickets will be sold at all homes and at 912 Royal on the day of the tour and will be \$18 for members and non-members.

Residences included on the 1996 tour are as grand as they are diverse, with interior styles ranging from antique to modern. All five homes are on Royal Street and Ursuline Avenue, within walking distance to each other and 912 Royal, and ample

parking is available throughout the French Quarter. The tour is self-paced, but many of the homes are two-story, so comfortable, flat walking shoes are highly recommended.

Two of the royal Street homes have been recognized by the Vieux Carre' Commission for their particular significance. One received the 1994 Restoration Award from the commission, and another, the former LaLaurie home, won the 1978 Honor Award.

Antiques abound in the splendid homes, with styles ranging from formal and provincial French in traditional settings to period Empire and Regency pieces. Several of the homeowners collect photography and works to be seen on the tour include pieces by modern favorites like Man Ray and masters like Henri Cartier-Bresson.

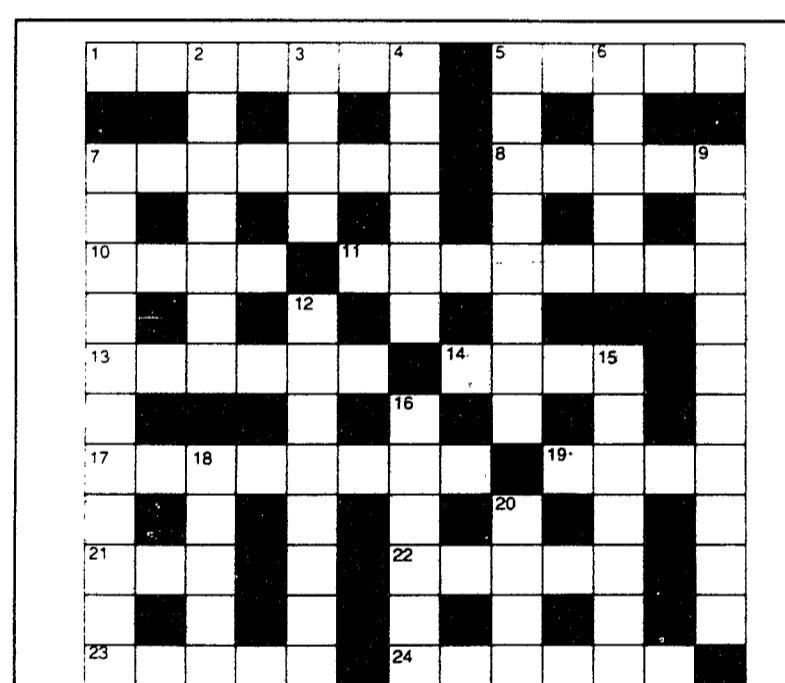
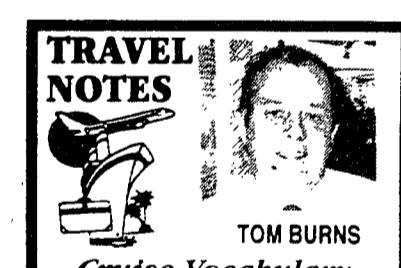
Paintings on the tour include pieces by area artists, many traditional antique oils, the lively Maine landscapes of Neil Welliver and works by many other contemporary painters. Other collections, like the beloved Staffordshire dogs gathered by one homeowner, and the massive set of Mason's Ironstone collected by another, will be on view, too. Also to be seen by visitors are stunning rugs, the kitchens of all five homes and individual designer touches like luxurious custom drapes and fantastic faux finishes.

All the homes are nestled around traditional French Quarter patios and gardens, with sizes and styles ranging from formal gardens to more expansive, exotic styles. A flower-filled balcony facing Royal Street will be highlighted at one home.

After or between seeing these fabulous houses, tour-goers are invited to take a break at 912 Royal, where the doors will be open and a jazz band will be playing. The house, complete with a landscaped courtyard and charming carriage house, was the home of Alice Heine, the first American Princess of Monaco. On tap at this historic home and carriage house will be tempting sweets and tasty hours d'oeuvres from the chefs at Regency Caterers by Hyatt.

Drawings for the day's entrance prize will be at 912 Royal. Prizes are a raku vase by Simone Maginnis from Chocolate Tulip; a champagne dinner for two from Irene's Cuisine; an antique Ironstone plate from Jon Antiques; and an American coin silver serving spoon from Melange Sterling. Winners need not be present.

In case of rain, the tour will be cancelled and not rescheduled. In that event, we hope you will consider your ticket price a donation to the museum. For more information on the 1996 Home of Art Tour, please contact the NVC at 488-2631, ext. 316.



CLUES ACROSS

- Vacation activity
- George Michael ___, actor
- Plant of the genus Silene
- Iron-rich rocks
- Supernatural force
- Star often used as an emblem
- Extending across international boundaries
- Turkish leader title, pl.
- In use
- Growl
- Arrest
- Achievements
- Balm
- Patted

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

- Campout
- Cohan
- Campion
- Mafic
- Mana
- Hexagram
- Global
- Agas
- Occupied
- Gnar
- Nab
- Deeds
- Salve
- Dabbed

- Memento
- Obie
- Tandem
- Campaign
- Hofer
- Campgrounds
- Camphor oil
- Campsite
- Senesce
- Headed
- Cabal
- Herb

CLUES DOWN

- A reminder of past events
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Bicycle built for two
- Race for the Presidency
- Andreas ___, Tyrolean patriot
- Vacation sites
- Kind of liniment
- Tent ground
- Grow old
- Pointed in a direction
- Clique
- Plant with medicinal qualities

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BUSINESS NEWS

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Is prepaid tuition a good idea?

Q. I am interested in the prepaid tuition bill our state legislature is considering. I have two children I plan to send to college. Is the prepaid plan a good idea?

A. The prepaid tuition plan is an excellent way for our state to encourage its citizens in their higher education endeavors. It is supportive of state colleges and may work well for some parents.

It tuition prepayment the best financial planning tool for setting aside your college money? That depends — as with any financial planning tool, there are advantages and disadvantages.

One advantage for parents is the forced savings. Mississippi State Senator Bill Hewes III said, "The plan allows participants to pay in a lump sum or installment payments.

Installments may be arranged for three to 18 years depending on the child's age and the family's preference. What better way for the state to provide for our children's education than to encourage families to save?" The plan allows for penalties on delinquent payments creating a built-in incentive to keep payments current.

Tuition contracts give parents a fixed, guaranteed price for tuition and fees at Mississippi public colleges and universities. Dormitory fees can be included at the option of the family.

The plan is flexible regarding when and where it can be used. It is designed to be used at public junior colleges, senior colleges or a combination of both.

If a student decides to attend an out-of-state college or in-state private college, payments are limited to the amount that would have been paid to a Mississippi public institution. Though "reasonable time limits" are imposed, Hewes indicates that students may have as much as eight years leeway in the use of their tuition benefits.

As positive as the tuition plan is for our state, some parents may find saving on their own a better option. Prepayment contracts will likely use a projected



CONSUMER UPDATE

By Jan Lukens, MBA, CFP
Consumer Money Management Specialist

8% annual increase in college

costs while children are young. This could foster the growth of college savings accounts through a variety of different institutions.

Though final legislation has not been adopted and changes to current bills will certainly occur, Hewes has received many calls in support of the plan. According to Hewes, "the only significant difference between the House and the Senate versions (of the bill) is

backing the tuition trust fund with the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi.

Without this provision, the trust fund itself is likely to be subject to taxation and the plan's effectiveness would be diminished for both plan participants and the state."

Families who consider a prepayment contract should look for this provision which reduces the risk and cost associated with tuition prepayment.

Gulfport chamber hosts credit, collections seminars

A seminar titled "Credit and Collections for Small Business" will be held Tuesday, March 19, 8 a.m.-noon at the Gulfport Chamber office at 1401 20th Avenue in Gulfport.

The following topics will be covered:

— How to Utilize the District Attorney's Office Worthless Check Division

— Using Credit Records to Enhance Credit Management, Collection Success and Business Profits

— What is a Credit Bureau and its purpose?

— Who to Avoid Forgeries, Counterfeits Checks and Embezzlement

— Using Credit Cards to Enhance Your Business

— Advantages of Providing Credit

— Fair Credit Reporting Act

— How to Read a Credit Report

— Collection Techniques and When to Turn an Account Over

Speakers include Mary Ann Sibley, Office of the District Attorney; Bill Magnusen, director of Security of Hancock Bank; Paul Robinson, Gulf Islands Credit Inc.; Beverly

Using a simplified example, a contract based on a \$5,000 present value at an 8% inflation rate would mean accumulating \$19,980 in tuition money over 18 years.

If costs only increases 7%, there would be \$3,080 extra in the fund. Tuition prepayment does not allow for this scenario.

Hewes expects trust fund investments and projected rates of return to be conservative (comparable to our state retirement fund) in order to protect the integrity of the trust fund. An astute, aggressive investor can probably outperform the return provided in prepayment contracts. Compare your investment strategy and projected return to the tuition contracts to make this decision.

If you think there is a chance your child will not attend college or a junior college vocational program, there is a major disadvantage to prepaid tuition. Hewes said "the plan is to encourage college education." Refunds may be limited to a refund of principal if the child decides not to go.

Hewes hopes the plan is not perceived as competition for private financial institutions but as a positive step to "bring about awareness of opportunities to send children to school." I could certainly work this way.

Promotion of the Prepaid Tuition Program would encourage parents to plan for college

Case and Freda Powell, Transunion; Diane Holloway, Equifax; Crystal Leggett, Credit Card Department of Hancock Bank; Bruce Stain, Medical Credit Services Inc.

The fee is \$20 for pre-registration and payment of \$25 at the door. Checks should be made payable to USM SBDC and mailed to 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560.

For additional information or directions, call 392-9742.

Realtors caravan

Wednesday, Feb. 28, is the date for the next Hancock-West Harrison County Realtors' Caravan, departing from the John Phillips & Associates Bay St. Louis office at 9:15 a.m. The caravan will tour listed properties located in the Pass Christian area (Area 06).

All area real estate agents are invited to attend the tour. For information, call Jim Henrie at 466-4443.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Keesler receives Laurel Wreath Award

Keesler Air Force Base was presented the Magnolia Federal 1995 Laurel Wreath Award at the Coast Chamber of Commerce "Sunrisers" last week. The Laurel Wreath judges stated, "Keesler should receive this award based upon the fact that Keesler contributes significantly to the quality of life or 'community well-being' of Coast residents."

"The relationship between the Mississippi Gulf Coast and Keesler Air Force Base began

on June 12, 1941. After many trips back and forth to Washington, then Mayor Braun of Biloxi, and Tony Ragusin, executive director of the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, convinced War Department officials that they need to put an Army Air Corps field in Biloxi. Keesler field was born, and named after Mississippi Aviator Sam Keesler from Greenwood, who died flying a combat mission in World War I.

"There is hardly a person on

the Gulf Coast who lived back in the early 1940's who didn't have a hand in building barracks, hangars, theaters, training buildings, or some other facility at Keesler as the base began to build up to wartime status."

"The mission then, as it is today, was training. Since the dark days of the war, almost 2 million men and women of all services, civilian employees, national guard, reserve and international students gra-

duated from courses at Keesler.

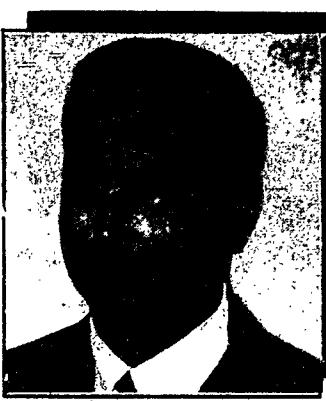
"Through the years, Keesler has not only brought economic prosperity to the Coast, it has also brought romance. Some of our older citizens may remember the activities during the World War II. At the site where McElroy's Harbor House now sits, there was an old USO building. There, many Saturday night dates ended up in marriage... as this popular spot was jammed with young airmen and officers checking out the Mississippi Coast beauties. These marriages brought new families to the Coast, and this tradition continues on even today. Their children attend our schools, and their spouses teach in them. Hundreds of Keeslerites serve as mentors to our Coast children. They attend church with us, buy homes and cars here, and they shop in our stores.

"Keesler people have always been an integral part of the Gulf Coast community. They have joined in every program and project that occurs on the Coast, whether it's cleaning the beaches, helping deliver food to the needy, volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club, Red Cross or other charitable activities. The never ending stream of Keesler volunteers has always been available to anyone in need, anytime."

Keesler Air Force Base was chosen as the 30th recipient of the Laurel Wreath Award which is sponsored by Magnolia Federal Bank as a public service. Keesler was honored not only for its contribution to our nation's defense, and not for its economic contributions of the Gulf Coast (which by the way was \$827,000,000 for the last year alone), but specifically for what the past, present, and future people at Keesler have done for our Mississippi Gulf Coast.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.



The Fed uses interest rates to control the economy

There's a lot of interest in interest rates.

Financial experts, consumers, the media — just about everybody, it seems, is constantly monitoring interest rates. And no wonder. Interest rate trends have a direct impact on virtually every segment of the U.S. economy.

Interest is the price you pay for borrowing money, or the price you get for lending money. In today's column, we'll focus on the borrowing side of interest.

A small change in interest rates can make a big difference to a borrower. For example, a 30-year, \$90,000 mortgage with a 7.5 percent interest rate has a monthly payment of about \$630. If mortgage rates rise to 9 percent, that monthly payment increases to \$724. Over the 30-year life of a loan, that adds up to nearly \$34,000 of additional interest.

So who decides whether interest rates will be 7.5 percent or 9 percent? Short-term interest rates are determined by the Federal Reserve System, known to most people as the "Fed."

The Fed is an independent government agency that regulates the nation's banking and monetary systems. It is governed by a seven-member board; board members, who serve 14-year terms, are appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

The Fed's decisions about short-term interest rates

depend on many things, including the level of inflation. When rates are low, borrowing is attractive. As Americans buy more goods and services, prices may rise, and so may inflation.

When rates are high, the reverse happens: consumers spend less, which slows the economy, and as a result, inflation usually declines. Adjustments in interest rates can help control runaway inflation or stimulate a lagging economy.

The Fed directly or indirectly controls three interest rates. The **federal funds rate** is interest charged on overnight loans between banks. The **discount rate** is charged on loans from the Fed to banks. And the **prime rate** is the amount of interest that banks charge their most credit-worthy customers. Banks also use the prime rate to set other rates for consumer and business loans.

So, how do the Fed's actions affect the economy? Assume interest rates are currently low, and consumer borrowing is high. If economic growth begins to flirt with inflationary limits, for example 4 percent to 5 percent, the Fed may raise the federal funds rate. Banks, in turn, pass their higher costs to customers by raising interest rates on loans. Borrowing should slow down, and inflation should ease.

However, if an increase in the federal funds rate does not slow inflation, the Fed may then increase the discount rate. In

turn, banks typically raise their prime rates, and the costs of borrowing rise further. Often, the Fed may have to raise the federal funds and/or discount rates several times until the desired economic slowdown is achieved.

In slow economic times, the process is reversed: The Fed reduces interest rates, borrowing is encouraged, businesses grow, consumers spend, and the economy improves.

So, if you thought interest rates were simply a random factor of the economy, left on their own to do as they please, think again. They're important tools used by the Fed to prolong healthy economic growth, limit recessions and control inflation.

Hancock Holding declares dividend

Leo W. Seal Jr., president and CEO of Hancock Holding Company, announced the board of directors has declared the first quarter cash dividend of \$0.25 per share.

The dividend is payable March 15, 1996, to shareholders of record as of March 5, 1996. Hancock Holding Company or its predecessor has paid a regular cash dividend since 1937.

Hancock Holding Company, headquartered in Gulfport, is the parent company of Hancock Bank in Gulfport, Hancock Bank of Louisiana in Baton Rouge, and First National Bank of Denham Springs, La.

Through its banks in Mississippi and Louisiana, the company operates 74 offices and 104 automated teller machines. Bank-related affiliates include Hancock Mortgage Corporation and Harrison Finance Company.

Hancock Holding Company's common stock is listed on the NASDAQ National Market System under the symbol HBHC and in the NASDAQ newspaper quotations under the abbreviation HanHd.

Miles promoted at credit union

Dennis Dollar, president and CEO of the Gulfport VA Federal Credit Union, announced that Tammy Miles has been promoted to assistant lending manager and will work out of the credit union's main office branch at Pass Road and Hewes Avenue in Gulfport.

Miles has been employed with the credit union since 1994 and most recently served as branch loan officer for the institution's Bay St. Louis branch.

In her new position, Miles will assist the lending manager in supervising all of the credit union's lending operations and will have loan approval authority over all five of the institution's branch offices.

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CHEVRON CORP/CHV	57 1/4	+1 1/8
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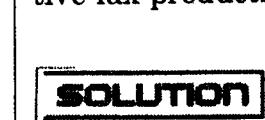
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Hearings

large map will be posted for review showing suggested zoning for the entire county. Smaller maps of zoning proposed for certain sections of the county will also be posted. Planning Commission members will be introduced, and planners with the SMPDD will make a brief presentation.

A person will be posted at the entrance to the meeting room, and those wishing to speak after the presentation will be asked to sign up before the meeting, listing their names and addresses, and to fill out a comment form.

Following the presentation, persons wishing to speak will be recognized, and a time limit will be established on comments.

The all-new Board of Supervisors who took office Jan. 2 have said during their election campaigns that there is a dire need for a countywide zoning ordinance in order to control the future development of Hancock County.

For years, supervisors have been plagued by angry citizens complaining about noisy or unsightly businesses or other developments infringing into their residential neighborhoods, but have been unable to do anything about the complaints because of a lack of zoning.

Supervisors scheduled the meetings to gauge the feelings of residents, and Board President Philip Moran--when he

called for the hearings--reminded citizens "nothing is written in stone."

Moran said the majority of citizens won't be affected, and existing non-conforming businesses and trailer parks would be "grandfathered in," and not required to close down or move.

The proposed zoning is subject to change following comments and suggestions made during the four hearings.

As proposed, the county will be divided into seven major zones, with more than 80 percent of the land classified as "A-1 General Agriculture, because of the rural nature of the county.

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Marina

The Ladners propose to build a pier on the east side of their property on Ann Street about 300-feet long and six-feet high. On the westside at the end of Shipyard Road, they would reconfigure existing boat slips and add about 17 new ones. There, they would build another pier, 850-feet by 6-feet and an 850' bulkhead. Two smaller inland piers would surround a boat launch area.

Inside the basin, the Ladners

will fill in about an acre and a fourth of manmade wetlands to accommodate two dryage areas for boat storage. In return, they would pump in fill and create another acre and a half of manmade wetland near the entrance of Shipyard Road.

Approval for the marina comes about a week after supervisors agreed to proceed with the county's plans to build a \$1.2 million marina at the foot of

Pleasure Street in Bayou Caddy.

The project has been held up, although Tidelands monies are available to build the first phase, because the majority property owners can't agree on a negotiated sale price.

Supervisors instructed attorney Gerald Gex to file an eminent domain lawsuit in efforts to resolve the matter, and get the county's marina underway.

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Magic

For now, Casino Magic patrons in Bay St. Louis do have a 200-room hotel on site. It opened for business in December of 1994.

Meanwhile, Magic announced plans to jump into the Louisiana casino industry, using a riverboat it wants to

acquire from Crescent City Capital Development Corp. Plans call for opening that casino at Bossier City, La., where Magic owns 22 acres of property accessible from Interstate 20.

The Crescent City Queen is one of two riverboats which

once operated at the New Orleans River City gambling complex.

Magic officials still have to obtain approval by the Louisiana State Police, the Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Commission and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

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Pets depend on owners for proper dental care

Healthy teeth are as important to pets as they are to people.

Dr. Gerald Radde, veterinarian at Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, said pets should have a yearly checkup of the mouth and teeth. Pets who have dental cleaning early in life can go as long as a year or two before needing another cleaning.

About 80 to 85 percent of all small animals seen at MSU's College of Veterinary Medicine

need a dental cleaning," said Radde. "The remaining amount will need them in the near future."

Radde said that feeding pets exclusively dry food diets will help keep the teeth cleaner longer. Usually by 4 or 5 years age pets need their first dental cleaning.

"It's not a matter of if they will need a dental cleaning, but when," Radde said.

Radde suggested cleaning the pets' teeth daily with a pet

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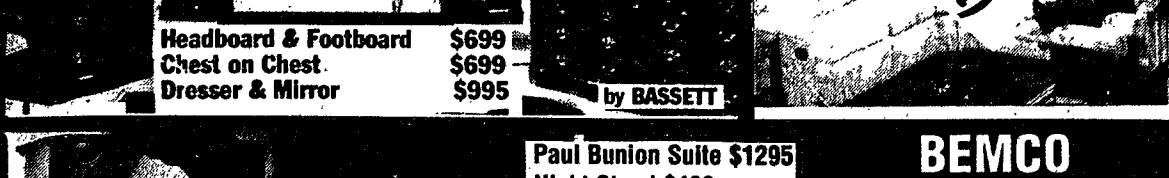
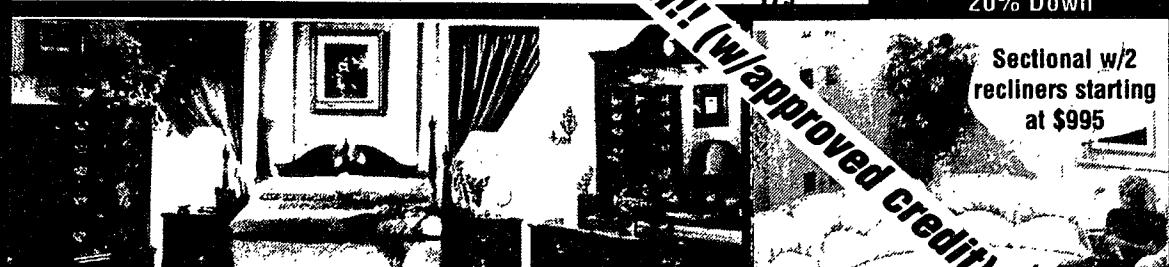
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Supervisors would then set a final public hearing for April 30 at the County Courthouse before taking action to approve or reject the legislation.

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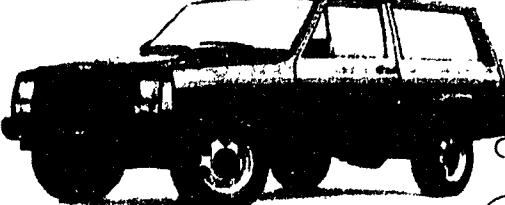
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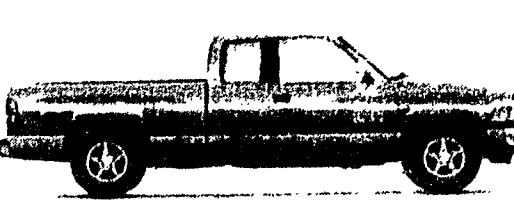
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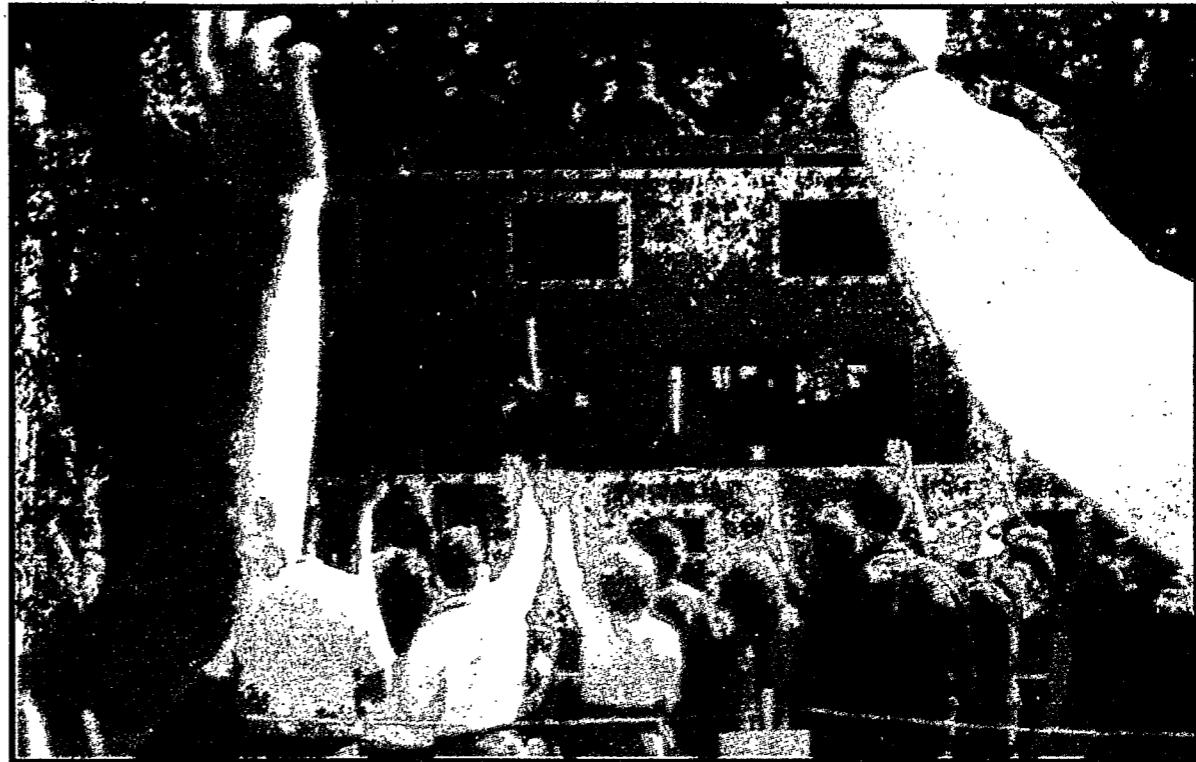
Throws galore at the Pass parade



King Christian LXVI Leonard Bentz acknowledges the crowd with throws.

This colorful caboose was one of the many inventive floats in the Pass Christian Mardi Gras parade.

*Echo staff
photos by
Kelly Blanchard*



A colorful pirate float weaves through the crowds attending the Pass Christian Mardi Gras parade.



Da Blues float bombarded the crowd with many different throws in the Pass Christian parade.

Krewe of Real People reigned in the Bay on Mardi Gras



This krewe member was not missing a step during the Krewe of Real People Mardi Gras parade last Tuesday. Below, this youngster had a height advantage over most to draw more attention for throws.



This young man threw his whole voice into trying to get throws during the Bay's Mardi Gras parade.

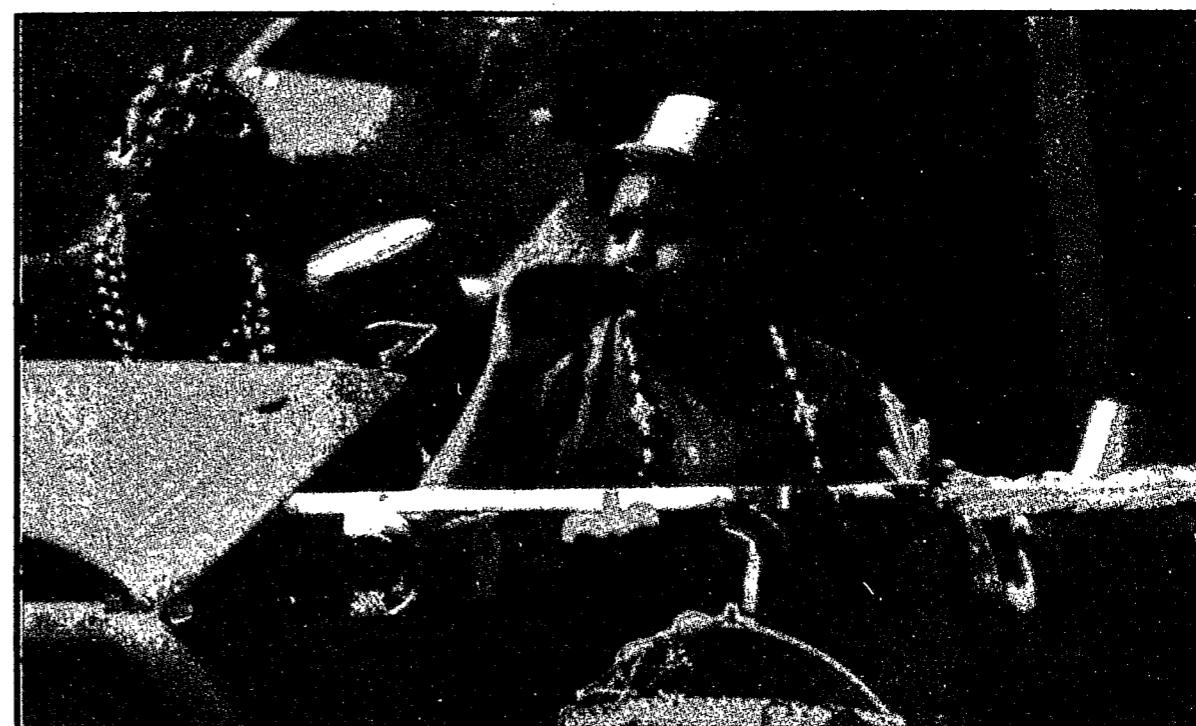


This youngster kept time with the beat during the Bay's Krewe of Real People parade.



These krewe members took a cool break on their float during a warm Fat Tuesday in the Bay.

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North Bay and Waveland Elementaries**BREAKFAST**

Monday—Fruit Juice, Cereal, Buttered Toast.
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Wednesday—Fruit Juice, Pancakes and Sausage on a Stick.
Thursday—Fruit Juice, Buttered Grits, Buttered Toast.
Friday—Fruit Juice, Scrambled Eggs, Buttered Toast.

LUNCH

Monday—Chicken Tetrazini, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruit Delight, Hot Roll.
Tuesday—Taco Salad, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Glazed Carrots, Peach Cobbler.
Wednesday—Chili con Carne, Buttered Corn, Creamy Coleslaw, Fruit Cup, Saltine Crackers.
Thursday—Stromboli, French Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Apple Crisp.
Friday—Salmon Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese, Glazed Carrots, Strawberry-Banana Cup, Hot Roll.

Bay Middle and Bay High Schools

BREAKFAST
Monday—Fruit Juice, Cereal, Buttered Toast.
Tuesday—Fruit Juice, Sausage Biscuit.

Wednesday—Fruit Juice, Pancakes and Sausage on a Stick.
Thursday—Fruit Juice, Buttered Grits, Buttered Toast.

Friday—Fruit Juice, Scrambled Eggs, Buttered Toast.

LUNCH

Monday—Hamburger or Chicken Tetrazini, Seasoned Green Beans, French Fries, Fruit Delight, Hot Roll.
Tuesday—Taco Salad or Chicken Nuggets, Buttered Peas, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Spanish Rice, Hot Roll, Peach Cobbler.

Wednesday—Chili con Carne or Deli Sandwich with Trimmings, Buttered Corn, Creamy Coleslaw, Fruit Cup, Saltine Crackers.

Thursday—Stromboli or Hamburger, French Fries, Stack of Trimmings, Apple Crisp.

Friday—Salmon Nuggets or Ham and Cheese on Bun, Macaroni and Cheese, French Fries, Glazed Carrots, Strawberry-Banana Cup, Hot Roll.

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BREAKFAST

Monday—Assorted Cereal, Toast with Jelly, Juice.

Tuesday—Ham Biscuit, Sliced Peaches.

Wednesday—Buttered Grits, Scrambled Eggs, Orange Smiles.

Thursday—Blueberry Muffin, Fruit Cocktail.

Friday—Cheese Toast, Juice.

LUNCH

Monday—Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Spicy Potatoes, Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing, or Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad.

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing, Bread Sticks, or Red Beans with Rice, Smoked Sausage, Tossed Salad, Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing, Cornbread.

Tuesday—Roast Beef with Gravy, Rice, Steamed Squash, Pineapple Tidbits, Hot Rolls.

Wednesday—Chili Beans, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread.

Thursday—Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Peaches.

Friday—Tuna Fish with Crackers, Hashbrowns, Pickle Spears, Whole Kernel Corn, Pudding Pops.

Hancock Junior/Senior High Schools

BREAKFAST

Monday—Pancakes with Syrup or Assorted Cereal, Toast with Jelly, Juice.

Tuesday—Buttered Grits, Toast or Ham Biscuit, Sliced Peaches.

Wednesday—Breakfast Pizza, or Buttered Grits.

Matthew Holder

Presidential Scholars candidate

Matthew W. Holder, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Holder of Long Beach and a graduating senior of St. Stanislaus College Prep, has been named one of approximately 2,600 candidates in the 1996 Presidential Scholars Program. Candidates were selected from more than 2.5 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in 1996.

USM Summer Gifted Studies

Applications are now being accepted by the University of Southern Mississippi for the 17th Summer Gifted Studies Program for children grades 4-8.

Deadline to apply offered by USM's Center for Gifted Studies is March 31. Applications will be mailed out upon request. The program is scheduled for June 23-28.

The program consists of five classes divided into two age groups: children grades 4-6 in the introductory groups, and children grades 7-8 in the intermediate groups.

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Participating students will be housed in residence halls on the Hattiesburg campus. Total cost is \$280, which includes tuition, room, board, field trips, recreational activities and limited accident insurance.

For information, contact Dr. Frances Karnes at 266-5236.

Program for talented youth

Applications for the 1996 Summer Program for Academically Talented Youth will be accepted until April 30 by the Center for Gifted Studies at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The residential program, scheduled July 7-26, is designed for students grades 7-10 who qualify based on results of the SAT or ACT.

A variety of intensive, fast-paced courses will be offered—including pre-calculus mathematics, statistics and probability, biology, physics, human

anatomy and physiology, marine biology, ecology, psychology, geography, creative writing and Southern writers and literature.

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Tuition for the three-week program is \$995 and includes books, room and board, recreational activities and limited accident insurance. Limited financial aid is available.

For information, contact the USM Center for Gifted Studies at (601) 266-5236.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Hancock County Planning Commission is seeking public comment in connection with the proposed Hancock County Zoning Text and Maps. In order for the general public to present their views regarding future land development in the county, Hancock County Planning Commission will sponsor a series of public meetings at the following locations.

LOCATION

Gulfview School (Lakeshore)
Charles B. Murphy School (Pearl River)
Hancock North Central High School
Hancock High School

All concerned citizens are strongly urged to attend one of the public meetings. Written comments may also be addressed to Hancock County Planning Commission, P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

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LUNCH

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Monday—Pancakes with Syrup or Assorted Cereal, Toast with Jelly, Juice.

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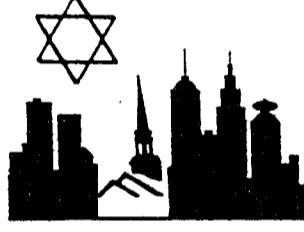
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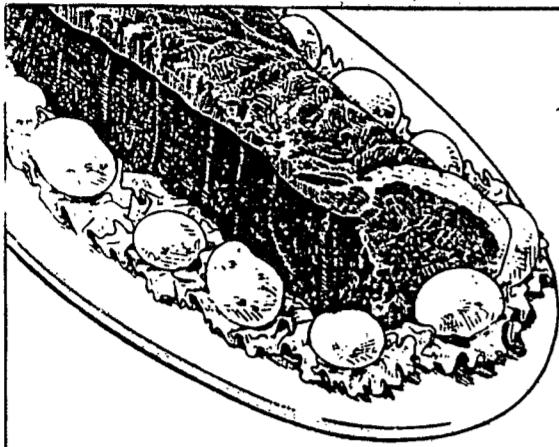
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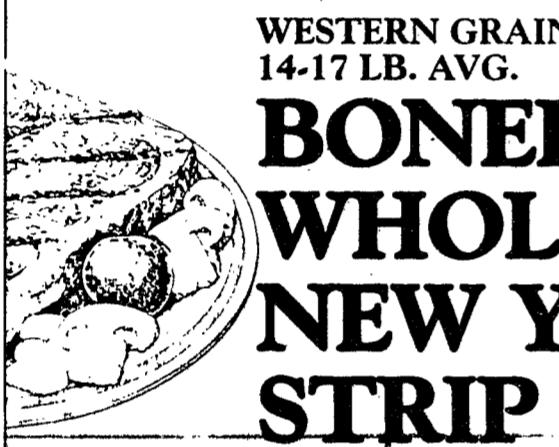
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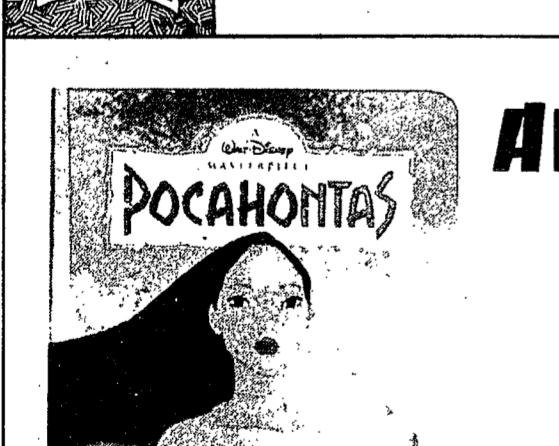


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USM Women's History Month programs

Programming for Women's History Month 1996 at the University of Southern Mississippi covers a wide range of topics from late February through early April.

Women's History Month, celebrated nationally and at USM during March, provides a chance to "learn more about the experiences of women and their contributions throughout history," said Dr. Marjorie Spruill Wheeler, associate professor of history and chair of the subcommittee of USM's Committee on Services and Resources for Women. The committee is involved in planning and coordinating events for Women's History Month.

"This year's schedule will offer a number of events that should appeal to many at USM and be of service to the entire Hattiesburg community," Wheeler said.

Scheduled as part of Women's History Month:

• **The Women's History Month Book Drive**—Throughout March, money will be collected to purchase books about women that are placed in the libraries of area public schools. Donors can designate a specific book and/or specific library, and may also give the book in honor of another individual and have the honor noted inside the book's cover before it is placed in the library. For information, contact Irmgard Wolf at 266-4246.

• **Artist's exhibit**—A selection of work by local and regional women artists will be on display throughout the month of March at USM's C. W. Woods Gallery.

Beverly Sensbach of USM's Teaching Learning Resource Center will present a Gallery Talk on March 20 at 2 p.m. in the Woods Gallery, followed by a reception.

• **Three Sisters**—The USM Theater Department production runs Feb. 27-29 and March 1-3. It is directed by Monica Hayes, assistant professor of theater at USM. On Feb. 28, the audience is invited to remain after the performance for a "Talk Back" session with English Professor Kim Herzinger, Hayes and the cast.

• **Speakers Bureau**—USM faculty and administrators will be speaking about women's issues in area schools throughout March. Teachers or schools wishing to inquire about speak-

er availability and subject should call Mary Beth Farrell at (601) 266-6045.

• **Stephanie Coontz**—The author of *The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap* will be part of the University Forum Series March 19 at 7 p.m. in Bennett Auditorium. The presentation is free and open to the public.

• **Dr. Sylvia A. Earle**—Earle, chief scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from 1990-1992, will also be part of the Forum Series April 2 at 7 p.m. in Bennett Auditorium. At 3 p.m., Earle will discuss women in science with those interested in room 106 of the Technology Building.

Throughout the month, the Hub Bookstore will feature displays showcasing books and other work by women authors. Maggie Amerson is organizing the displays.

Wheeler will be the featured speaker during the Hattiesburg Library's "Lunch with Books" presentation at noon March 27. Wheeler, an expert on the woman suffrage movement, will discuss her book *One Woman, One Vote*, which was published in 1995.

The ongoing Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series during March and April also will feature women's topics and issues. The series, presented by USM's Committee on Services and Resources for Women, is held in McCain Library, Room 203, from noon-1 p.m. The series is open and free to the public.

Speakers and topics include:

• March 5, Dr. Karen Yarbrough, vice president for research and planning, Women and Higher Administration.

• March 19, Presentations by 1995 CCSR stipend awardees.

• April 2, Dr. Margaret Barnett, associate professor of history: Nutrition and Women during World War I, Europe.

• April 16, Dr. Jo Hailey, professor of psychology and director of the psychology clinic: Psychology and Breast Cancer.

Additionally, USM's Women's Studies Program is providing public service information to media for inclusion in their publications and programming throughout the month.

For more information on Women's History Month, contact Wheeler at (601) 266-4333.

USM economic forum

Why are Americans working longer hours for less pay? Why is the middle class slipping while the rich move ahead?

These and similar questions will likely be discussed by Ted Halstead in a Feb. 27 lecture entitled, "Redefining Progress: If the Economy is Up, Why is America Down?" the next University Forum at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Halstead's lecture at 7 p.m. in Bennett Auditorium is free and open to the public. The University Forum series, bringing eight speakers to campus this spring, is sponsored by USM's Honors College, which seeks to provide the atmosphere of a liberal arts college with smaller classes and an enhanced curriculum. Halstead's talk is the annual Boardman Business forum co-sponsored by USM's College of Business Administration.

Halstead, a professional organizer specializing in coalition building, issue development and campaign strategy, is the founder and executive director of Redefining Progress, a San Francisco-based public policy organization that seeks to stimulate broad public discussion on the type of future Americans want and how best to achieve it. The organization also promotes a fundamental shift in the tax burden away from taxing work and enterprise and towards taxing pollution and the use of national resources.

As an organizer, Halstead has directed several statewide and national environmental campaigns. He also coordinated a rural economic development program in Guatemala.

Halstead is the co-developer of the "genuine progress indicator," a comprehensive alternative to the commonly used gross domestic product. The GPI takes into account social and environmental factors that the GDP ignores.

Halstead's writings have appeared in the *Washington*

Post, the *Miami Herald* and *Atlantic Monthly* magazine. He has been a repeat guest on National Public Radio and has appeared on ABC's *Nightline*.

He was the co-author of the much-discussed cover story in the October issue of *Atlantic*, "If the Economy is Up, Why is America Down?"

For information on the University Forum lecture series, call the Honors College at (601) 266-5762.



Roth receives scholarship

St. Stanislaus College Prep senior Matthew Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Roth of Bay St. Louis, has been offered a \$10,640 Honor Scholarship to Louisiana State University. He received the scholarship based on his academic achievements and credentials. Roth is currently a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Octagon Club, SADD, CYO, Key Club and is president of the National Honor Society. He has played basketball and baseball as a freshman and sophomore and varsity basketball and golf as a junior and senior.

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Natural helpers

Beth Anderson, top left, from NorthShore Hospital, Slidell, demonstrates a trust fall to Bay High students at an overnight retreat. Bay High's Natural Helpers held the retreat at Gulfside Assembly, Waveland. Some 60 members were trained to recognize signs and symptoms of patterns among peers and develops helping and referring skills. Sponsors for Bay High's Natural Helpers, which includes grades 7-12, are Melissa Mannion, Dona Maddox and Jodi Beckham.

Playing 'beat the train' has deadly consequences

Despite crossing gates, flashing lights, loud train whistles, train lights and other warnings, Mississippians continue to be killed and injured at roadway-railroad crossings.

"As a powerful locomotive approaches a crossing, there's virtually no way to stop it in time to avoid hitting a vehicle or person on the tracks," said Donald O'Cain, governor's representative for highway safety and executive director, Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning. "Yet, motorists continue to play the deadly game of 'beat the train' or just don't pay close enough attention to the danger at railroad crossings."

"This is not the place to gamble," O'Cain noted. "Just as they have been for years, stop, look and listen are the three most important words for a motorist or pedestrian at a railroad crossing. The familiar round yellow and black advance railroad sign is a warning to slow down, look both ways and listen because you may have to stop."

O'Cain advised motorists to pay particular attention to the sign below the railroad crossbuck indicating that there is more than one set of tracks. "Where there are two or more, don't be too anxious to proceed when one train has passed," he cautioned. "This may put you in the path of another train."

He warned motorists, who have started over a crossing when lights begin flashing or the gates start down, to keep going. "The warning signals allow enough time to drive over the crossing before the train comes. Nogate on the other side will block your lane. Never stop and try to back up; your vehicle could stall."

"Also, never drive onto a railroad track until you're certain that you can drive all the way across," O'Cain advised. "Be sure that the traffic ahead of

you will not stop and box you in on the tracks. If your vehicle is boxed in or stalls on the tracks, get everyone out immediately and safely away from the vehicle. If possible, post a lookout in each direction of the tracks and, if a train is approaching, try to flag it down. If no train is in sight, have someone try to push or start the vehicle."

Another danger is overdriving the vehicle's headlights. "You may suddenly see a train when you're going too fast and are too close to stop," he said.

O'Cain also emphasized that motorists should not take train times for granted. "A late train or schedule change could cost you your life."

"I urge all individuals who drive, walk or run near railroad tracks to think about the dangers and act accordingly. Virtually nobody would be injured or killed at railroad crossings if common-sense safety rules were followed."

The Florida Literary Guild is sponsoring a free poetry contest, open to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all, including a \$1,000 grand prize.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is April 25. Winners will be notified—and a winner's list sent to all entrants—by the second week in June.

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Florida Literary Guild, 3232 SW 35th Blvd., Suite 156, Post Office Box 147035, Gainesville, FL 32614-7035.

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Overcome shyness by helping others

By Dr. Ann Jarratt
4-H Youth Development
Cooperative Extension Service

"I'm shy and wish I could be more outgoing at school. Every time I try to talk to people I don't know, I start to feel like I'm going to fall down or make a fool of myself. Some of the students at my school seem to have no problem in getting to know others, but I feel so nervous. What should I do?"

You've described a bad feeling that everyone has at some time in their life. The good news is that you can overcome shyness if you're willing to work at it.



Nguyen receives scholarship

St. Stanislaus College Prep senior Paul Nguyen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cham Nguyen of Pass Christian, has been offered a four-year Academic Excellence Scholarship valued at \$4,000 to Mississippi State University. Nguyen received the scholarship based on his ACT score and academic achievements. In his six years attending St. Stanislaus, Nguyen has been active on the basketball team, in the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the French Honor Society and the Student Ministry. He has also been a Pepsi Student of the Month as well as on the President's Honor Roll signifying a 4.0 grade-point average.

TEEN TALK

The first thing you need to accept without question is that you're a very worthwhile person just as you are — shyness and all. You should begin to think about the things you have going for you. It would be good to write down these assets.

Consider ways you can make these good characteristics even better. If there are traits that you're not so happy with and if they are things you can do something about, jot down a

plan for making a change.

Practice being interested in the other person you talk to or meet. Concentrate on them and their interests or concerns. Try to do or say things to put them at ease. As you concentrate on the other person, you have less awareness of your concerns for yourself.

Take part in a school club or extracurricular activity that interests you. That puts you with other students who have similar interests. It's much easier to talk with someone if you know up front that you have a common interest.

Practice smiling and speak-

ing to people even if you don't feel comfortable doing it. I predict that before long you will enjoy opportunities to visit with others.

My mom is about to get married for the third time. I like the man OK, but I like my dad and her second husband too. What can I do to help her make this marriage last? I don't know if I can survive the stress of another divorce."

Your concern is understandable. Divorce is painful for everyone concerned.

Please hear and understand what I'm saying. The success of this marriage is up to your mom and her husband. You can't make it work for them no matter how much you would like to.

The reverse of that is true too. If it doesn't last, it's not your fault.

The most important thing you can do is take care of your responsibilities as a family member. If you keep yourself healthy and carry out your school and home responsibilities, you're doing what a teen can do.

Just having the positive attitude that you expressed should make things around home more pleasant for everyone.

If you have any questions concerning your teenage years, write Dr. Ann Jarratt, 4-H youth development specialist, Box 9641, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

Boys Town workshop

Father Flanagan's Boys Town has scheduled its acclaimed "Teaching Social Skills to Youth" workshop in Metairie, La. on March 21 and 22. This is the first time the two-day session has ever been offered in the South.

The workshop is intended for youth-care providers, teachers, police officers, school administrators, foster parents, nurses and anyone else who works with children. It will prepare participants to integrate social-skills training into youth-centered programs.

"Teaching Social Skills to Youth" includes step-by-step, practical techniques for teaching essential social skills both individually and in groups. These are the same techniques used successfully throughout the Boys Town organization and by hundreds of child-care agencies and schools by Boys

Town in over 30 states. Research has shown that social skills training leads kids to higher self-esteem, stronger problem-solving abilities and more thoughtful interactions between their peers and adults.

To be held at the Landmark Hotel in Metairie, the workshop combines lectures, group discussions, role-playing and video observations. Participants will receive the "Teaching Social Skills" manual and supplement, the "Basic Social Skills for Youth" handbook, skill cards and other materials.

Cost is \$199 each, or \$149 each for two or more participants from the same organization. Those interested in registering may call the Boys Town National Resource and Training Center toll-free at 1-800-545-5711 or Boys Town's New Orleans office at (504) 947-0870.

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BIRTHS

JOSEPH NICHOLAS CHRISTOVICH

Mr. and Mrs. Stamaties B. Christovich of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Joseph Nicholas, February 16, 1996 at 4:30 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Mrs. Christovich is the former Charlotte Ann Green.

Maternal grandparents are the late Norman Green and Bernadette Wray of Bay St. Louis.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mathilda Kersting of Sandy, Oregon and the late Bernard Kersting.

Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. George N. Christovich.

BRYCE ANDREW WILLIAM DILLARD

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin J. Dillard of Picayune announce the birth of their second child, Bryce, February 16, 1996 at 12:07 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Mrs. Dillard is the former Stacey Love.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Vickie Love of Carriere.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Maringo of Picayune.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Dillard of Picayune.

Paternal great-grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Buford Dillard.

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Lacanya Marie Singleton and Timothy Faggett of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a son, Ladarius Marquese, Feb. 10, 1996 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

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Business Review

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